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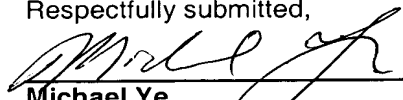
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This *Response and Election* is filed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed by the Patent & Trademark Office on December 14, 2006.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the current application. The claims were restricted into Group I (claims 1-15 and 20) and Group II (claims 16-19). Applicants respectfully traverses the restriction requirement and provisionally elect to prosecute claim Group I including claims 1-15 and 20.

The Office Action states that the inventions of claim Group I and claim Group II do not related to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because they lack the same or corresponding special technical features. Specifically, the Office Action alleges that Group I includes at least one claim that was anticipated by Burger et al. (hereinafter